GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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RAT FEVER LEPTOSPIROSIS .
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of deaths occurred due to Leptospirosis (Rat Fever) during each of the last three years, State-wise;

(b) whether the Union Government have deputed any medical/research team to study this problem;

(c) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(d) the steps taken/propose to be taken to eradicate this disease?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a): Being a non-reportable disease, the States do not report data on leptospirosis to Central Bureau of Health Intelligence. However, the current epidemiological data on leptospirosis available with the National Institute of Communicable Diseases (NICD) is annexed.

(b) to (d): National Institute of Communicable Diseases, Delhi and Indian Council of Medical Research, New Delhi have been sending teams to investigate outbreaks of leptospirosis in different parts of the country. Such teams were sent to Gujarat and Karnataka in 1997 and to Maharashtra and Kerala in 2000. Steps taken to tackle the disease are

(i) a guidelines indicating the nature of disease, its prevention and control has been circulated to all the States;

(ii) a meeting was held under the chairmanship of Director General of Health Services where medical and health professionals from various hospitals at Delhi, New Delhi Municipal Council, Municipal Corporation of Delhi, Government of NCT of Delhi, NICD and Directorate General of Health Services participated to sensitize all concerned about leptospirosis, its prevention and control. All the hospitals in the capital were told to hold similar meetings to sensitize doctors to maintain high degree of alertness and send clinical material for laboratory confirmation; and

(iii) microbiologists from major Delhi hospitals were updated on early diagnostic procedures at NICD.

ANNEXURE
Annexure referred in reply to part (a) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question.

Name of the State/UT	No. of deaths due to Leptospirosis 1998	1999	2000
Gujarat	42	31	16 (upto 18th October)
Kerala	64	80	13 (upto 7th July)
Maharashtra	NA	NA	12 (upto 16th August)
A&N Islands	NA	3	NA